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My dear friend — Your letter to my wife enclosing one to Mr Estlin which shall be forwarded this evening came to hand to day. I had already paid Miss Ireland 25/ for her 50 Poetical Illustrations and it will give me real pleasure to send her the balance of 13/6 & a commission me to add. As her work was undertaken without any view to profit, and she had nothing but loss hitherto, it gives me great gratification to assist her in any way in my power in disposing of the little book. I will pay the £1 to Pallisca and charge to you. The poor thing is a little odd, and so very poor that I would not have accepted the money but that she is ~~very~~ highly spirited & apt to take huff.

I am greatly obliged to Mr Wallcutt for the Liberators. I will try whether J. M. McKim may not be able to make out the 2 numbers you could not find.

I have thought a great deal about the Liberty Bells and have consulted some persons as much interested in coming to a right decision as I am. The result I think is that if the Report could be forwarded pretty promptly or even a Bazaar Gazette specially directed to each contributor, the Bells would not be missed. In a general way they are sent only to those who would do all the same if they never came. It was really a pain to me the last year to see so much costly paper spent coming from funds that can spare them so ill.

You are not to imagine for a moment that any trouble the distribution & disbursement occasion weight with me in the least. It is not so. All I wish to see done or left undone is whatever will serve the cause best. I will ask Miss Estlin & Mrs Massie and will write to you again

About a fortnight ago I had a note from Mr Estlin remarkably well written with the paralyzed right hand — It was full of kindness & sweetness — but was chiefly directed to entreat me not to abate my interest in the Advocate. Yesterday I had a newspaper directed by himself & the address little differed from his old handwriting. J. M. McKim told me that Miss Estlin has no hope of his health being re-established as it was before the attack. The Advocate is entirely upheld by Mr E's money. I have repeatedly remonstrated, but it is evidently a favorite with him & with Miss Estlin & I am glad to help them as far as lies in my power.

No. 12 was put together, printed & issued while I was quite unable to lend a hand. I did not see it till after I recovered. I am sorry for the errors, but am not surprised — for the materials were placed in the hands of Rev. Ed. Mathews, a Baptist minister, a staunch protégé of Mr E's but no great scholar.

I am not skilled in indexing. The idea is a good one, but I fear my time would not allow of it — for I have lost my partner and am more than hitherto obliged to look after the stuff myself. Miss Estlin is the very one for an Index. I will send your letter to her and she will send it back to me.

What you say about Brownson is just what I expected. He is the most thorough Ultramontanist I know of and a terrible sample of the genus.

Will you send me Giddings Speeches & Manns if published and charge them to me

Ever yours truly

Richd D Webb

Samuel May, Junr

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